

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A combination of clothing articles packaged for sale, comprising:

a shirt having a shirt collar;

a necktie disposed about the shirt collar and comprising a length of fabric having first and second ends and at least one fold intermediate the first and second ends;

an elastic band passing transversely to the length of fabric within the fold and sized to be stretchably received about the shirt collar; and

a clip engaged with the fabric proximate to the fold, the clip pinching the fabric so as to emulate the appearance of a tie knot.

2. The combination of clothing items of claim 1, wherein the elastic band passes continuously within the fold.

3. the combination of clothing items of claim 2, wherein the elastic band is a rubber

4. The combination of clothing items of claim 1, wherein the clip is generally U-

5. The combination of clothing items of claim 4, wherein the clip comprises a horizontal base and two fingers the two fingers being resiliently mounted on opposite sides of the base.

6. The combination of clothing items of claim 5, wherein the base further comprises a reinforcement.

7. A method for packaging a necktie and shirt combination, comprising the steps of:

providing a shirt having a shirt collar;

